**Title:** Requests the Central Government to send a special team to find out the facts of gang raped of Scheduled Caste women in Andhra Pradesh.

DR. RAVI MALLU : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I thank you very much for giving me an opportunity to raise this very sensitive and an important issue that took place in Andhra Pradesh.

As you know, a lot of protection is being given to the women of the weaker section and particularly, to the Scheduled Caste women. Unfortunately, the other day, in Andhra Pradesh, seven women belonging to the Scheduled Caste went to collect leaves for their livelihood along with three men to the nearest forest. Suddenly, about 20 men attacked those seven women and gang raped them; they also beat those three men who were opposing the rape of those women. That was the worst possible incident that took place in Andhra Pradesh.

I would request the hon. Union Home Minister to send a team to find out the facts and book the culprits. There is a phobia prevailing among women of Andhra Pradesh and particularly, among the Scheduled Caste women because there is no sense of confidence that they can live freely. Such acts are being committed by police people also.

14.00 hrs.

About two or three women were raped by the police. We had brought it to the notice of the administration and the Police Department.

MR. CHAIRMAN : What do you want the Central Government to do?

DR. RAVI MALLU (NAGAR KURNOOL): I am bringing the bad situation to their notice. I want the Central Government to send a special team from the Home Ministry and see that a confidence is created among the weaker sections of the society, particularly the Scheduled Caste women of Andhra Pradesh.